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**Application No.:** 10/016,998  
**Notice of Abandonment Dated:** October 17, 2006

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

**Paul A. Kline**

Confirmation No.: **4988**

Application No.: **10/016,998**

Group Art Unit: **2613**

Filing Date: **December 14, 2001**

Examiner: **David C. Payne**

For: **INTERFACING FIBER OPTIC DATA WITH ELECTRICAL POWER  
SYSTEMS**

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**PETITION TO WITHDRAWAL HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

**PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.181**

A Notice of Abandonment (Notice) was mailed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (US PTO) in the above case on October 17, 2006.

Specifically, the Notice states that the application was abandoned in view of Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on April 5, 2006.

An office action was mailed on 10/18/06. Applicant filed a reply on 1/18/06. The office action of 4/5/06 concluded (incorrectly) that Applicant's reply filed 1/18/06 was non-responsive. After speaking with the Examiner's supervisor and subsequently conducting a telephone interview with Examiner Payne, Examiner Payne stated that he would issue a new office action. The Examiner then issued an Interview Summary indicating that he would withdraw the non-responsive office letter and would issue a new office action. Applicant also summarized the interview in its Interview Summary filed 5/2/06.

In summary, the Examiner indicated that the reply filed on 1/18/06 was responsive, that the conclusion in the office action dated 4/5/06 that the Applicant's reply was non-responsive were incorrect, that Examiner Payne would issue a new office action, and that Applicant should await a new office action.

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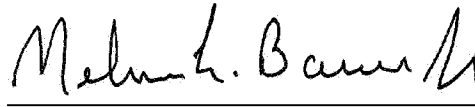
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In view of the above facts, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the holding of abandonment of the above reference application.

### **CONCLUSION**

It is Applicants understanding that no fee is due. However, authorization is hereby granted to charge any deficiencies in fees, including any fees for this petition or fees for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), to Deposit Account 50-3970. Please credit any overpayment in fees to the same deposit account.

Date: October 31, 2006

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Melvin L. Barnes, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

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